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plastic bottle puppets

Not everything we throw away is rubbish! There are lots of fun things that can be made by recycling rubbish. In this exercise you will learn how to make some puppets to tell a story.

What you need

Small clean plastic drinks bottles, short wooden sticks, plasticine, PVA glue, scrap paper, card, wool and fabrics, scissors and elastic bands.

What to do

1. Decide on the characters that you would like to make. Have you got a favourite story that you would like to tell using the puppets?
2. Choose your materials – think about what your character looks like to decide which materials you will need.
3. Stick your bottle on to the table with a lump of plasticine to stop it rolling around while you make your puppet.
4. Make some clothes for your puppet – make a hole in the middle of some fabric, put it around the neck of the bottle and secure it with an elastic band.
5. Add some eyes and nose and mouth and hair, by sticking paper, plastic and wool to the bottle.
6. Push the stick into the neck of the bottle to finish your puppet.
7. Work with a friend to tell a story using the puppets to the rest of the class. Maybe you could tell a story about rubbish or recycling?



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Discussion

1. Who is your character? What sort of character is it? Is it a special kind of person like a police officer, a queen, or an animal?
2. Is your character nice or grumpy? Is it lonely or frightened? What may have made it feel that way? What might happen to change things?
3. Did you know that recycled plastic bottles can be used in lots of ways?
4. They can be used to make clothes, traffic cones and park benches!
5. Can you think of some other uses for rubbish bottles?

